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DRINKING WATER PROBLEM CORRECTED

Customers of the Town of Fairhaven were notified on October 6, 2021, of a problem with our drinking water and were advised to boil their water. We are very pleased to report that the problem has been corrected and that it is no longer necessary to boil your water. Our initial investigation into this matter suggests that the September 16, 2021, at the Tinkham Lane Well and the October 5, 2021, E-Coli detects at the Water Treatment Plant in Mattapoisett are related. The Tinkham Lane Well has been out of service since the E Coli present was detected. An investigation into this matter revealed that this well had a breach to its well casing, located 8 feet below the surface, which was detected via investigatory camera work and repaired.

The Town of Fairhaven will continue to sample and will be adding additional samples days to its already aggressive schedule to ensure that the drinking water remains safe. Also, chlorination and flushing will continue for an extended period of time per the Department of Environmental Protection.

As an added precaution, although the Town has been continuing flushing hydrants since October 6, 2021, residents and customers are advised to flush their lines and have filters replaced.

As always, please contact the Water Department at 508-979-4032 with any questions.

We sincerely appreciated everyone's patience and understanding.

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